

**LEGISLATIVE DIGEST**

[Public Works Code - Graffiti Abatement - Suspension on Issuance of Certain Violations; Waiver of Certain Unpaid Fees and Fines]

**Ordinance suspending provisions of the Graffiti Removal and Abatement Ordinance regarding issuance of certain violations and waiving certain unpaid assessed fees and fines due to the COVID-19 pandemic emergency, subject to specific conditions; and affirming the Planning Department’s determination under the California Environmental Quality Act.**

Existing Law

The Graffiti Removal and Abatement Ordinance, Public Works Code Article 23, establishes a program for Public Works regulation and enforcement of the removal of graffiti on both private and public property. Enforcement involves the issuance of violations and in some cases imposition of fees and fines for the graffiti and/or failure to abate.

Amendments to Current Law

This ordinance would suspend Public Works’ issuance of certain violations of the Graffiti Removal and Abatement Ordinance and primarily would cover violations issued to property owners. The legislation would not affect enforcement against “Offending Parties” (known as taggers) or graffiti on public property. The ordinance would waive any pending unpaid fees or fines as of January 1, 2021. This legislation would apply until 90 days after the Mayoral Proclamation on the COVID-19 pandemic emergency expires and be retroactive to March 9, 2021, its introduction date.

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